

MURDERS HIS WIFE WHILE HIS DAUGHTERS LOOK ON



THE MURDERER AND HIS VICTIM.

Manuel Fernandez Mascoto and his wife, whom he killed yesterday morning before attempting to commit suicide. This photograph is reproduced from an enlargement, which hangs in the Mascoto cottage and before which the man attempted to blow out his brains.

Ghastly Tragedy in Kalihi Valley Yesterday Morning — Manuel Mascoto Uses Shotgun to Blow Away Back of Wife's Skull — Wounds Seven Children, Including One of His Own — Shoots His Own Face Half Away — Woman Is Dead — Man May Live to Face Hangman.

(From Saturday Advertiser)

Two little daughters of Mrs. Johanna Mascoto stood upon the steps of the Kalihi-uka school yesterday morning and saw their father shoot their mother down at the threshold of her own home.

Just a few minutes before she had called their names from the register of the school where they are pupils and she is teacher. In those few minutes, the worst passions that their innocence was heir to was paraded before them. Surrounded by her little flock, "Teacher," arbiter of thirty-six small destinies, started up at the roar of a 12-bore shotgun, slowly spread out her arms, toppled backwards and, with a little sigh, crumpled up on the lawn.

A few feet from her stood the husband, holding a shot-gun, out of one barrel of which a thin flicker of smoke curled up. He was half-bent over, one arm raised clutching his weapon of destruction, the other stiff over the fallen woman, his face rigid and expressionless, except his lips, just apart over her teeth.

Then he straightened up, slowly, and circled around the body of his wife, keeping his hand, with its flared fingers, between himself and her face, and backed into the door of her home, the cottage in the school grounds.

His Terrible Retribution.

He turned and walked swiftly into the bedroom, turning through a door to his left. His boots were muddy, his uneasy steps were marked on the matting. He walked to the dresser, picked up a mirror on it and looked at himself. Then he dropped it back and it split across. He faced the light, hooked a finger in the trigger and holding the gun at arms-length, brought the barrel around with the other hand until it rested under his chin. Then he fired, blowing off half his face.

The gun dropped from his fingers and he staggered forward over the threshold to the kitchen. His blood blazes his trail from the bedroom.

He made for the oblong of light that represented the door and swayed out and down the two steps. He crouched, and looked at the body of his wife, himself something brutish, inhuman, horrible. There were some horrified children huddled together in the yard. They screamed when they saw him, screamed at the top of their thin, scared little voices and ran.

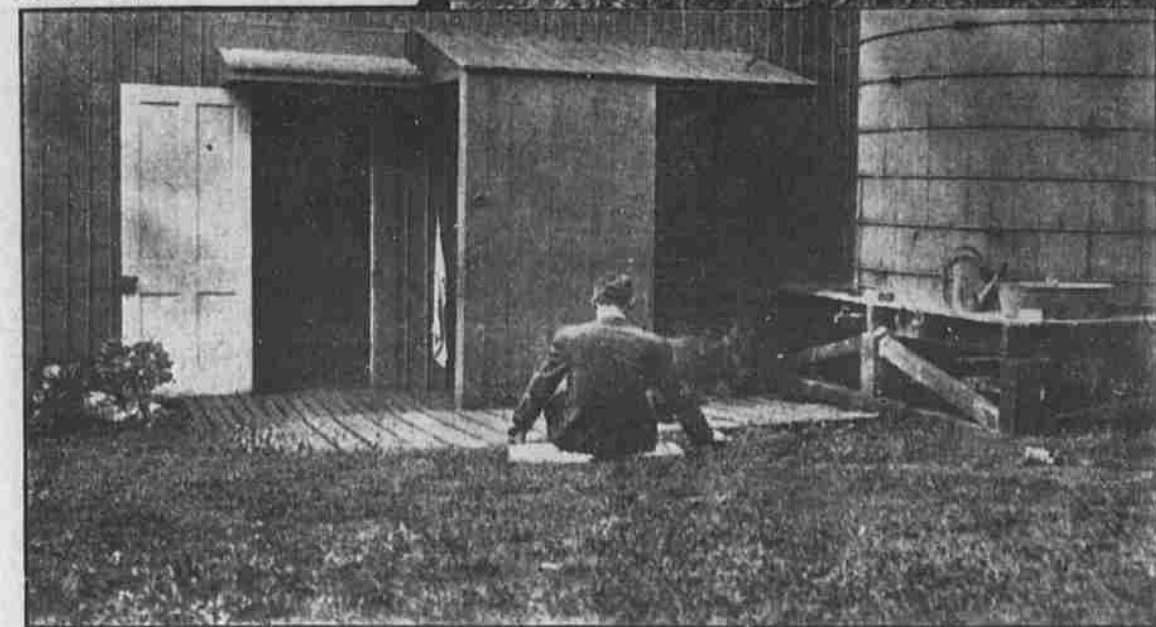
His Penalty of Life.

What stood up of Manuel Fernandez Mascoto stood up and walked slowly across the lawn from the teacher's cottage to the back door of the school. He was probably past pain. His brain was operating on its reflexes. He did not feel the insistent little drops that trickled out of the place where his face had been. But he felt it.

For some, to him unexplainable, reason his veins and arteries seemed empty, his body protuding at being made to move. In front of the school house door he sank slowly to a sitting posture and braced himself with his hands. There he sat during the fifteen minutes that a police auto, careening on two wheels over the worst road in the city, was bearing frantic officers to the scene.

When Mascoto pulled the trigger to end his own life the full charge had passed through the under side of his face. His lower jaw was shot completely away, and a portion of his upper jaw, including all the teeth; but strange to say his tongue was untouched except at the end. With this completely exposed to its roots, with one eye standing outside of his head and with the flesh on his cheeks drawn back, the place where his features had been was a red skull and in this condition he later walked a half-mile unaided through terrific mud from the school-house to the waiting patrol wagon.

In this inhuman form he stooped as he reached the patrol to kiss his little seven-year-old daughter good-bye, he with dripping red flesh for a face, until he was seized by Police Captain Baker and helped back into the patrol



turning away. The hardened police officers wagon, the hardened police officers Alarm Is Given.

Acting-Chief of Detectives Kellett was sitting in the police court room when he was notified that there had been a shooting in Kalihi Valley and that a woman was dying. He took Detective Holbron and raced downstairs to his auto. He was told that it was a Portuguese row and asked Manuel Oleon, who the day before had been compelled to give up his star by the sheriff for disorderly conduct, to help him out, as he now had no Portuguese interpreter. Oleon joined him and did rapid, excellent work at the scene of the tragedy.

A half-mile up the valley road the police auto became stuck in the mud and the officers jumped out and waded through it to the house. They ran past the figure of the man where he snatched on the lawn to where the mother of Mrs. Mascoto was waiting beside the body. Two cushions had been put under the head. The stricken woman mumbled a cry for water and Kellett ran to get it for her. She drank it; a blanket was hastily knotted and she was lifted into it.

Then Kellett turned and saw Mascoto. The officer was half-crying. He went over to the figure where it sat on the grass and kicked it.

"Get up, you brute," he ordered. The figure rose, "sit down again," snapped the officer, in the prelude of that unmerciful sweating that comes when the heavy hand of the authority of the law is laid upon the shoulder of such a criminal as Mascoto and wrings confession from him.

Is Stricken Dumb.

Mascoto turned his face to Kellett, the officer closed his lips over an oath, dumb with horror.

The woman was picked up tenderly by two of the officers in the improvised stretcher while another assisted her husband to his feet and steadied him as he walked to the gate. When they got out of the road they saw Deputy Sheriff Rose and Captain Baker hurrying up with several trustees and the burden was transferred to fresh shoulders. The patrol likewise had become stalled in the mud below and the walk to it was one of over half a mile.

Mrs. Mascoto's body was borne to the operating table at the Queen's Hospital but the doctors shook their heads at the first glance at her. Her wound was dressed and she was put to bed, but died at half-past eleven, two hours and a half after being shot. A piece of the skull had been blown off the right parietal space, exposing the brain in an area of five by three inches.

Mascoto stepped out of the patrol assisted only by Baker, who had tied a handkerchief so that it fell over his face to hide its horrible mutilation from the sight of the other patients. As they approached the steps the murderer raised his hand, lifted the handkerchief and picked out a way for himself with his one good eye until the police captain ordered him sharply to cover himself again.

Domestic History.

Belatives of the dead woman and residents in Kalihi-uka, who no good opinion of the murderer. Sisters of Mrs. Mascoto yesterday stated that the husband had frequently threatened her and the police have records of his arrest for that offense. They speak with contempt of his inability to save money, stating that he held a position at two dollars and a half a day and continually had to borrow money from his wife and her family to get shaved. They had been separated for some time, during which Mrs. Mascoto slept

at her sister's home while he occupied the teacher's cottage alone. Last Monday they "made up" again and were once more living together, Mrs. Mascoto remarking to her friends the day before the shooting that they had never been so happy before.

Yesterday morning Mascoto went as usual to his job on the new Queen-street wharf, where he was the concrete mixer for the Lord & Young Engineering Company. He did not stay very long, however, for just shortly after school opened at nine o'clock he was back at that place.

He entered the school building and commenced to converse with his wife. The children were at their desks and the register was open before her, as she was about to call the roll which contained thirty-six names. Their conversation grew louder and the woman suddenly got up and left the schoolroom for the adjoining one in the rear, where this door was leading to the yard.

From that moment Mascoto became furious and threatened to kill her. This was but one of many threats, but this time the woman believed. She made a dash for the telephone, took down the receiver and called "Police" into the transmitter, but he caught her back before she could ring the number. Then she fled outside, followed by him. He picked up the shotgun, a 12-bore weapon with cartridges carrying No. 7 shot, and shot her down as she reached her cottage.

Children Wounded.

Seven of the pupils who had flocked out curiously after, with their little hearts beating with excitement and interest, were hit by flying shot, but none of them were seriously injured. The worst having several painful shot wounds in the muscle of his arm.

The injured pupils are Ah Fong, girl, six years of age; Mabel Mascoto, seven years; Adelaide Silva, ten years; Willie Coelho, six years; Carrie Mascoto, seven years; David Souza, eight years; and Julia Aiona, nine years.

On the register, signed "Johanna Mascoto," was the names of two of her daughters, and several nieces. Her own children were present when she was killed and one of them, Mabel Mascoto, was among the injured.

Mrs. Mascoto is survived by her mother and three sisters, Mrs. Mary F. Neves, Mrs. Captain William Weir and Mrs. William Larsen, and by three children, Mabel, ten years; Mary, six years (who was also in the school), and George, a boy of three.

Mrs. Mascoto's name appears on the death records as Johanna Fernandez, which is given by some of her relatives as the proper family name, but her sisters yesterday called her by the name of Mascoto, by which they have been generally known. She signed her official documents as Johanna Mascoto and her effects were marked that way.

She was a graduate of the Normal School and had been in the employ of the department of education for twelve years. She had been married about nine years.

Manuel Mascoto is a member of both the San Antonio and Lusitana Societies. At a late hour last night the hospital authorities stated that he was still alive and that he might possibly survive his terrible wounds.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. — Made by PARIS MEDICINE CO., Saint Louis U. S. of A.

KAIMUKI JUMPS INTO THE BREACH

Will Help King's Daughters Get Home—Great Campaign Is Planned.

"Keep an eye on Kaimuki," is what the residents of that district are saying today, and have been saying ever since Wednesday evening, when the new officers and committees of the Waimanalo, Kaimuki and Palolo Improvement Club were installed in office and Harry Mills resigned. It is now a case of making Kaimuki the show place of Honolulu as a residence section, according to all concerned.

One of the important questions which came before the club was in regard to the Old Folks' Home of the King's Daughters' Circle. It was reported to the club that one reason why the King's Daughters contemplated moving from Kaimuki site to the Allen property, upon which there is a house, was the lack of money to build in Kaimuki. Also they desired to start right in and a house was ready on the Allen place, although it is old and was reported at the meeting to be worm-eaten.

After some discussion a special committee was appointed consisting of Ed Towse, chairman; Judge C. F. Clemens, J. W. Pratt, J. B. Mercer and C. E. King, to confer with the trustees of the Old Folks' Home and offer its services in an advisory capacity to assist in securing a home site, not only in Kaimuki, but elsewhere, if necessary.

May Help Raise Funds.

The club was informed that the King's Daughters have about \$25,000 and that if they had the finances it would be a case of building in Kaimuki. The special committee believes that it can help the King's Daughters raise the necessary funds and that there ought to be a total of \$100,000 for this purpose. The committee will get busy at once.

A new principle was adopted by the club, that of having small standing committees with no one man on any two committees. A great campaign for Kaimuki is being planned and the following committees were named, roads and transportation, water and lights, sidewalks and curbs, parks and scenic improvements, which will take up the fight for the elimination of billboards; sanitation, territorial and county legislation, boosting committee, publicity, entertainment and police.

All the members of these committees are "live wires" and willing to do things, with the result that Kaimuki is looking forward to marked improvements all along the line in this beautiful district.

Among the special objects which the club have in view are the improvement of the school grounds, the curbing of the streets, placing permanent sidewalks and improvement of grounds and empty lots.

Free Mail Delivery.

Two men are now at work placing the street numbers on all the houses in the district, while the great majority of the mail receptacles are already up and Postmaster Pratt has assured the residents that free mail delivery in the district will soon be under way. Also it is proposed to have a great cleanup day and the sanitation committee will see to it that Kaimuki is kept the cleanest and most healthful

SCENES OF THE TRAGEDY.

Above—The entrance to the teacher's cottage, Kalihi-uka school, at the door of which Mrs. Mascoto was shot down. Acting Chief of Detectives Kellett is standing on the spot where her body fell. The woman in black is Mrs. Neves, sister of the murdered woman and the girl in white is the niece of Manuel Mascoto.

On Left—The rear entrance to the school building. The figure in the photograph is sitting on the spot and in the position of the murderer when the police arrived. This door is within a few feet of the door of the cottage, shown above.

spot in all the Island of Oahu.

Two big celebrations will be participated in by the club; one the Mid-winter Carnival, in which the club will have an entry which is now a secret, but which is said will be a surprise, and the other the Lincoln Day celebration at the Liliuokalani school, when a bronze tablet of the Liberator will be placed with appropriate ceremonies.

POST PLANS MADE FOR KAMEHAMEHA

The estimate submitted by the secretary of war of \$158,500 for a coast artillery post in the Hawaiian Islands contains the following provision:

That the secretary of war be and he is hereby authorized to establish on the military reservation at Fort Kamehameha a four-company post for the accommodation of the coast artillery required to protect the naval base at Pearl Harbor on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii; Provided, That a contract or contracts may be entered into by the secretary of war for the construction of the necessary officers' quarters, barracks, administration building, dispensary with 12-bed emergency ward and operating room, guardhouse, and other necessary buildings, including their lighting and heating, water system, sewers, roads, and walks, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law not to exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of \$355,500, of which \$158,500 shall be immediately available.

Concerning this subject the report of the general staff is as follows:

The seacoast defenses protecting the naval base of Pearl Harbor, on the Island of Oahu and located at the entrance to that harbor at the post of Kamehameha, are practically so far completed as to require the presence at that post of the four companies of coast artillery troops which are to man and operate the defensive armament there located. These troops should be provided with shelter and stationed at the post at the earliest practicable date, not only to care for this armament, but to operate it in case of need.

The delay in estimating for the construction of this post has been due to a discussion of the question, whether certain shallow ponds in the vicinity of the site should be filled, at a cost of about \$100,000, before the construction of the buildings of the post is undertaken. This question having been decided by the secretary of war in the negative—that is, he having reached the conclusion that, inasmuch as suitable ground for the location of the buildings as of the post is available, that shelter for the troops should first and as promptly as possible be provided, and that the question of filling the ponds should be left for future consideration—the following estimate of the cost of construction of the complete post is submitted:

Four barracks, at \$30,000 each	\$120,000
One field officers' quarters	8,000
Eight company officers' quarters (married), at \$6,000 each	48,000
One building, four bachelor suites, with officers' mess and club room	14,000
One administration building	10,000
One dispensary, with 12-bed emergency ward and operating room	15,000
One combined quartermaster and commissary storehouse	16,000
Two double sets noncommissioned staff officers' quarters	12,000
One guardhouse and one stable	20,000
One combined artillery, engineering, and ordnance storehouse	8,000
One wagon shed	1,500
Quarters for four civilian employees	12,000
One post-exchange building	25,000
Crematory	5,000
Water system	8,000



HELP THE EARTH—AND THE EARTH WILL HELP YOU

We make fertilizer for every product and put on the market only what has been proven of real value. Let us know the purpose for which you want soil helps and we will supply you. Address us

Pacific Guano and Fertilizer Co.
Honolulu, H. T.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

"EMPRESS LINE OF STEAMERS"
FROM QUEBEC TO LIVERPOOL

via the
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
the Famous Tourist Route of the World

In connection with the
Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line.

For tickets and general information apply to

THEO. H. DAVIES & CO., LTD

General Agents
Canadian Pacific Ely. Co.

Castle & Cooke Co., Ltd
Honolulu T. H.

Commission Merchants

Sugar Factors

Ewa Plantation Co.
Waialua Agricultural Co., Ltd.
Apokaa Sugar Co., Ltd.
Fulton Iron Works of St. Louis.
Blake Steam Pumps.
Western's Centrifugals.
Babcock & Wilcox Boilers.
Green's Fuel Economiser.
Marsh Steam Pumps.
Matson Navigation Co.
Planters' Line Shipping Co.
Kohala Sugar Co.

Bank of Hawaii LIMITED.

Incorporated Under the Laws of the Territory of Hawaii.

Paid-up Capital.....\$600,000.00
Surplus.....100,000.00
Undivided Profits.....157,592.92

OFFICERS:
C. H. Cooke.....President
E. D. Tenney.....Vice-President
F. B. Damon.....Cashier
J. G. Fuller.....Assistant Cashier
R. McCarrison.....Assistant Cashier
DIRECTORS: C. H. Cooke, E. D. Tenney, A. Lewis, Jr., E. F. Bishop, E. W. Macfarlane, J. A. McCandless, C. H. Atherton, Geo. R. Carter, F. B. Damon, F. C. Atherton, R. A. Cooke.
COMMERCIAL AND SAVING DEPARTMENTS.

Strict attention given to all branches of Banking.
JUDD BLDG., PORT ST.

Castle & Cooke Co., Ltd

Life and Fire Insurance Agents

General Insurance Agents, representing
New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston.
Actua Fire Insurance Co.

—ATTENTION—
We have just accepted the Agency for the—

—and—
The Protector Underwriters of the Phoenix of Hartford.
These are also among the Roll of Honor in San Francisco.

Sewer system.....7,000
Roads and walks.....15,000
Electric light.....12,000

Total.....\$355,500

The foregoing estimate, as stated, is for the post, complete. Inasmuch, however, as the total amount probably cannot be obtained this year, it is recommended that an estimate for \$158,500, or sufficient to provide for the shelter of one-half of the garrison (two companies of coast artillery), be submitted to congress in detail as follows, with a view to starting the construction of shelter for this necessary garrison at the earliest date practicable:

Four barracks	\$60,000
Four company officers' quarters	24,000
One administration building	10,000
One dispensary, etc.	15,000
One combined quartermaster and commissary storehouse	16,000
One double set noncommissioned staff officers' quarters	6,000
One crematory	5,000
One stable	6,000
One wagon shed	1,500
Water system	8,000
Sewer system	7,000

Total.....\$158,500

Congress has also been asked to vote for Schofield Barracks \$39,780 for the construction of the most necessary roads and walks in the infantry post proper and in the Schofield Barracks Military Reservation.